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- 1. In early 1952 the Hong Kong firm of T. O. WONG and Company expressed an interest in purchasing rubber from dealers in Ceylon for forwarding to Communist China. They particularly desired to be put in touch with representatives of the Ceylon Trading Company.
- 2. The Chinese Communist government is reported to be in desperate need of smoked rubber sheets. Officers of the Chine Resources Company of Hong Kongl, a Communist purchasing agency, have stated that the MAO government would be willing to barter almost any commodity, even rice<sup>2</sup>, for deliveries of rubber.

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1. Comment. The China Resources Company (Hua Jun Company) has
appeared in a number of reports, including

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2. Comment. In view of Communist China's publicized shipments
of rice to India, it does not appear that rice is among the commodities
with which the Chinese Communists are most reluctant to part. Shipments
of rice to Macao are reported with relative frequency; see 25X1A

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- Two Ceylonese traders, K. A. Vaner and Bennett Mendonza, both of Colombo, responded favorably to the inquiries of T. O. WONG and Company, Hong Kong, with regard to procuring rubber for Communist China. A third rubber experter, Vavasseur, replied that he already had agents in Hong Kong, Davie, Boag and Company, Limited, who could put him in touch with Chinese buyers.
- 2. T. O. WONG and Company reportedly closed a deal with K. A. Vaner in late March 1952, for the purchase of some 500 tons of rubber. The terms of the agreement and proposed dates of shipment are not known.

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Comment. T. O. WONG and Company's inquiry concerning Ceylonese rubber dealers was

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